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PRELIMINARY EMBASSY THINKING ON GENERAL SUBJECT COUNTER-  
MEASURES WAS CONTAINED EMBASSY DESPATCH 1018, JANUARY 7, 1959.  
IN VIEW COMPLEXITY THIS SUBJECT, FOLLOWING ARE INITIAL COMMENTS  
AS REQUESTED REFTEL PENDING RECEIPT TEXT WORKING-LEVEL PAPER AND  
FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE MUST BE DISTINCTION BETWEEN MEASURES  
DIRECTED AGAINST ALLIED ACCESS, ON ONE HAND, AND THOSE AGAINST  
WEST GERMAN ACCESS, ON OTHER. WE ASSUME QUESTION SOVIET MEASURES  
HINDERING OR CUTTING OFF WEST GERMAN ACCESS IS SEPARATE SUBJECT,  
BEYOND SCOPE OF WORKING-LEVEL PAPER, AND THAT COUNTER-HARASS-  
MENTS SHOULD, WE BELIEVE, BE DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST USSR.  
RED REP WOULD NO DOUBT ARGUE THAT MEASURES DIRECTED AGAINST  
SOVIET ZONE IN RETALIATION HARASSMENT ALLIED ACCESS WOULD INVOLVE  
GRAVE DANGER OF PROVIDING EXCUSE FOR SERIOUS COMMUNIST MEASURES  
AGAINST WEST BERLIN UP TO AND INCLUDING BLOCKADE OF CITY. MORE-  
OVER, WE THINK IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE MEASURES AGAINST SOVIET ZONE  
BE RESERVED FOR USE IN EVENT SERIOUS MOVES AGAINST CITY.

COMMENTS RE USEFULNESS AND APPROPRIATENESS SPECIFIC MEASURES  
COUNTER-ACTION IN RETALIATION FOR PARTICULAR MEASURES OF HARASS-  
MENT WILL BE GIVEN AFTER RECEIPT WORKING-LEVEL PAPER TEXT.  
WE FULLY AGREE, AS STATED REFTEL, THAT ANY COUNTER-HARASSMENT

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SHOULD BE UNIFIED ALLIED ACTION AND THIS SHOULD INCLUDE APPROPRIATE  
STEPS BY FED REP. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE, AS  
INDICATED REFTEL, OF NEED FOR ADVANCE PREPARATION, PRIOR COORDINA  
TION WITH ALLIES AND SPEED OF ALLIED RETALIATION.

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